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County delivers zero increase

by Jerry Grozelle

Participants at the annual Straw and Stone Bonspiel got into full costume for the event — 14 teams participated in the mixed bonspiel. Details and photos of the winners next week.

In spite of increasing responsibilities handed down by the federal and provincial governments and the uncertainty about the financial impact of those obligations, Haliburton County has adopted a budget with no increase in taxes.

"I'm pleased that they were able to come up with a zero budget change, considering the new responsibilities they've had to budget for," said Anson, Hindon and Minden reeve Jeanne Anthon. "I think all the committees worked very hard to achieve that.

"We don't know what the impact of the new services are going to be yet," she added. "So, if the county ends up in a deficit position, perhaps the provincial government is going to have to start opening that bag of money it has for us."

"I'm hoping all the municipalities will be able to achieve the same goal — zero budget change," she said. "I know we're aiming for that. But it's very difficult dealing with the unknown. We'll just have to do our best to provide a buffer for what the government is promising. I'm hoping that the provincial government won't have any expectations in a mid-year. I hope they take into consideration that municipalities have to budget well in advance and they should give us ample warning."

The county roads department will suffer the biggest impact as a result of the budget restraints. Some construction projects will have to be put on hold.

Anthon says she is pleased that $10,000 has been budgeted toward the strategic plan for the county.

"That was one of our promises from the visioning process — that we would move ahead with the strategic plan, leading to an official plan," she said. "The strategic planning process should be a great foundation for the official plan. I think most communities are leaning toward official plans and it's a process whereby the whole community can have input."

Dysart et al reeve and county warden Murray Fearrey said that being able to deliver a budget with zero increase was the main goal of the budget process.

"This year, although there's a little less money being expended on roads, there are really no major cuts in jobs or services," he said. "I would caution that there's really no space left for cuts. The county is about as lean as it can be.

"We've got so many changes coming in the next year it's too early to predict what the outcome will be."

Although the budget meeting was advertised and open to the public, Fearrey said this was the third year in a row that nobody from the public attended to voice any concerns.

"This was the third year we've had public meetings," he

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Services not yet on block

Hospital budgets headed into deficit

by Andrew Milne

Unsettling shifts in budget numbers have the health board casting around for savings again.

But cuts in services at the hospitals aren't going to be the first place they'll look, say the board and its administration.

Executive director Foster Loucks says that though the board did originally reinstate 24 hour coverage in Minden's emergency ward with the understanding that it might have to rescind it in the face of financial setbacks, he feels the stability and community confidence the move has evoked make it worth their while to work that much harder to keep it going.

Says Loucks, "In making the decision we did in September, we have given the local people — particularly in the Minden community and the area — the assurance that there was going to be a service that they could count on through the winter. We provided that, and I think people are satisfied with that service. And it's taken some of the doubt away — and with that doubt some of the negativity, some of the scepticism over what we're trying to do. We've taken that off of the front page, and people have been able to kind of get on with their lives. That in and of itself doesn't put anything extra into our coffers, but it does indirectly."

Hospital construction may start this summer
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Board chair Hugh Nichol says the board also sees it as practical at least to suspend making a decision on such issues for a few months. Nichol says there are a number of reasons for doing so, but paramount is the fact that the organization will have its final audit done then, and will have year end numbers — the hospitals' fiscal year ends at the end of this month.

Both Loucks and Nichol also emphasized that the feeling is that the board can't operate the hospitals at peak efficiency until the new facilities are constructed anyway — something that may well begin as early as this summer (see related story — page 17). So the financial setback, while worrisome, might well be purely a short-term phenomenon.

Minden hospital has already sustained severe staffing cuts, and is currently operating at one doctor and one nurse. The in-patient wing has long been closed, and there are no plans to reopen it.

Nichol acknowledged also that though they're adopting a wait-and-see attitude, the news sitting a little uneasily with the board. They're a young organization, with no reserves, and have just received news that next year's transfer from the Ministry of Health will be cut by over five per cent. After the numbers rolled in for the end of December, the board was looking at an accumulated deficit for the year of $35,000. Projecting roughly, the year end debt might be from $50,000 to $100,000, he says.

Nichol says the range in the projections, and the

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February weather

by Phil Graham

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Average high	-2.0	28.4
Average low	-12.7	9.1
Average for the month	-7.3	18.8
Average for last Feb.	-10.9	12.3
Highest temperature Feb. 18	7.5	45.5
Lowest temperature Feb. 13	-31.0	-23.8
Rainfall	84.8 mm	3.3 in
Snowfall	41.0 cm	16.1 in
Total precipitation	125.8 mm	4.9 in
Tota precipitation for last Feb.	66.7 mm	2.6 in
Snow on ground February 28	46 cm	18.1 in
Snow on ground last Feb. 28	25 cm	9.8 in
Total snowfall Nov. 1 to Feb. 28	201 cm	79.1 in
Total days with rain or snow	16	
Total days with mostly sunny	5	
Days with thunderstorms	0	
Days with freezing rain	3	

February was a short month but there was lots of variety. Fair days, bad days, cold, warm, freezing rain, ice - take your choice. With all this the average was -7.3 degrees C (18.8F) about 3.5 degrees C warmer than last February. Rain and snow both much higher, especially rain, compliments of the south westerners and Mother Nature. Heavy rain February 20 and 21 also February 26 and 27 put our rain average above normal for the month.

Trivia - Kid's meteorology.

•You can listen to thunder after lightning and tell how close you can come to getting hit, if you don't hear it you got hit, so never mind.

•A blizzard is when it snows sideways.

•The wind is like air only pushing.

(This is how some fifth and sixth graders view the weather around them.)

Near-fatal substance remains mystery

The OPP reported last week that analysis of a narcotic which nearly killed a local youth was inconclusive.

The force said forensic tests confirmed the narcotic was marijuana. However the agent which caused the youths' symptoms remained unidentified.

The youths were also mystified as to what the substance may have been, said the OPP.

"They had no clue," said a spokesperson. "And the lab tests for thousands of substances, but nothing came up positive."

Two area youths became violently ill after inhaling the smoke of the drug in mid February. Suffering from violent nausea and dizziness, they went first to Minden hospital, then Ross Memorial in Lindsay. One of the two had suffered damage to his heart muscle.

County may drop deputies

The composition and size of the county government may change shortly. Council is considering removing deputy-reeves from council and changing the number of votes remaining members will have.

Council will vote on the motion at this month's county council meeting. The public is invited to attend the meeting, which starts at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 19.

"We have agreed in principle to a weighted vote based on population," said Anson, Hindon and Minden reeve and county councillor Jeanne Anthon.

A municipality's deputy-reeve would sit at the county table if the reeve is unable, for any reason.

"So there won't be a vacant spot, whereby no matter what your weighted vote is, each municipality is still represented," said Anthon.

Under the weighted vote based on proportion of electorate, Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey would have 12,953 votes, representing 31.1 per cent of the county population. Anthon, representing the taxpayers of Anson, Hindon and Minden, would have 6,601, or 15.8 per cent of the total. On a percentage basis, the other eight municipalities would have the following vote: Stanhope 10.6, Sherborne et al 8.5, Lutterworth 8.0, Glamorgan 7.5, Cardiff 6.6, Monmouth 5.5, Snowdon 4.9 and Bicroft 1.5.

County warden Fearrey said he thinks the vote based on the number of people in the municipality is fair.

"I think it represents the electors more thoroughly than the other options,"he said. "That's what the consensus was."

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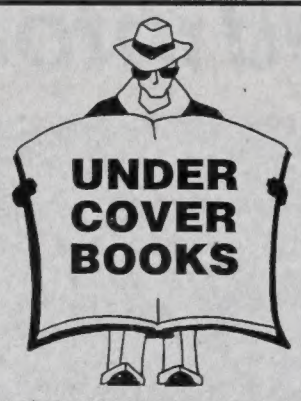

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Kinmount establishes community clinic

by Jerry Grozelle

A committee of people from Kinmount and the surrounding area have launched a campaign to bring medical services to Kinmount. The Kinmount and Area Medical Services Committee, chaired by Ted Wilkes, has arranged for the use of the lower floor of the Somerville Township office as a medical clinic and the committee is in the process of raising the necessary funds to renovate and equip the facility. The goal is to raise $55,000.

In the meantime, an active campaign to recruit doctors for the clinic is under way.

Medical services are important to any community and Wilkes says response to a number of fund-raising strategies has been very positive.

A pledge program was launched in mid-February. A total of 4,200 households, including area cottage owners, received pledge forms. By the end of February, $9,200 in pledges had been received.

In addition, the Kinmount and District Lions Club and Kinmount business, Walsten Limited have each donated $1,000 to the cause. The Burnt River Recreation Bingo Committee and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 in Kinmount have also contributed to the fund-raising goal.

A raffle for $1,000 cash raised another $3,200. The winner of the $1,000 cash prize was Glenda Simpson of Kinmount.

Another $500 was raised at a Fashion Show and Tea at the Galway Hall in February.

The Committee still has a long way to go to realize the $55,000 goal. A number of other fund-raising ideas are currently being considered. The committee will be meeting later this month and fund-raising priorities are expected to be set at that meeting.

Wilkes says numerous people have offered to provide free labour. He is very pleased with the support that is being shown and he is confident that the goal of providing a medical facility in Kinmount, with two doctors and support staff, can be achieved.

"Where there's a need, it will be solved," he said.

Along with office space for two family physicians, visiting specialists, equipment and furniture, renovations will include additional parking space,

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Archie Stouffer well represented at festival

Close to 200 musicians from throughout Haliburton County took part in the Haliburton Highlands Music Festival. The event, sponsored by the Haliburton County Echo, was held February 28 and March 1 at the Haliburton Legion. A special Highlights Concert, featuring the most accomplish performers of the weekend, was presented Sunday evening.

Archie Stouffer Elementary School was well represented at the music festival. The photo here includes many of the youngsters from the Minden school who participated.

The Archie Stouffer Elementary School students who took part included: Michelle Fowler, Liz Thompson, Ainslie Thomas, Iain Farrell, Shyanne Watson, Tara Coltman, Steve Alexander, Heather McKelvey, Kira Fry, Keri Hartwick, Shawna Ray, Scott Philip, Jeremy Johnson, Steve Alexander, Sarah Wilbee, Robin Lennox, Andrea Pawson, April Austen, Danielle Clements, Lindsay Archer, Taylor Gardner, Heather McKelvey, Kathryn Bérubé, Eleanor Bathe, Myles Nicholson, Margaret Bérubé, Joshua Wales, Becky Wallace, Jennifer Moore, Brittany Hicks, Nicki Wallace, Rachel Moffat and Alex Pawson Also participating were the woodwind quintet, woodwind ensemble and brass ensemble from ASES.

While the performances were adjudicated, the students were not ranked. Adjudicator Elaine Kruse commented on each of the performances, offering encouragement to the budding musicians.

A number of participants were awarded scholarships based on their performances. Among the recipients from ASES were Myles Nicholson, Josh Wales, Shawna Ray, Jeremy Johnson and Iain Farrell.

These students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School were among the many participants of the Haliburton Highlands Music Festival held earlier this month.

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Minden resident does her part to help improve conditions in Central America

Helping hands in the Honduran mountains

It may be a long distance from Minden to the mountain village of Rio Bonito in Honduras, but one local resident has bridged that distance, and in doing so has helped improve the life of the people of that third world country.

Audrey Northey recently returned from the Central American country after spending two weeks helping to improve the sanitation for peasant families. She describes her experience as inspiring and is looking forward to returning to the country for another work term.

The brother of the retired nurse was the first to propose that she might enjoying a "working holiday" in Honduras. He suggested she consider the program offered by an international aid organization based in Waterloo called World Accord. The group organizes third world work projects designed to improve health care, agriculture, education and enhance livelihood opportunities in the recipient nation. Participants like Audrey sign up for a two week stint in a foreign country. The "volunteers" pay their own air fare and are expected to participate by contributing their labour in the work project organized by World Accord representatives.

In this case, the group was taken to the village of Rio Bonito where they would assist in the construction of latrines. "Most of the families live in roughly constructed homes," Audrey noted, "many of them with dirt floors." By building the latrines to proper standards and using cement, a material that is very expensive, it was hoped that pollution of a nearby stream and the subsequent spread of disease could be stemmed. Each latrine was designed to serve a single family, which in some cases included up to eight or nine children.

"Rio Bonito is an isolated village perched on the side of the mountains. Each of the families has a small patch of ground for growing vegetables and chickens and some of the people work on nearby coffee and banana plantations," Audrey explained. But the village is basically cut off from the economy of the country. She noted that it took a week's wages to purchase a tank of gasoline and, in any event, there are few who own vehicles. "The mountain area is very rugged and it is impossible to reach many of the villages by road. "In one case we had to carry our supplies in over an hour walk," she recalled. The community is without phones or electrical power or running water.

The projects are designed to include the involvement of the local population. They work side by side with the visitors. In many cases the skills needed in a project are also passed on to the local residents so a transfer of knowledge and information takes place. "They were all eager to help," Audrey commented. "I admired their interest in improving their own lot."

She regrets that she was unable to speak Spanish and so did not communicate that much with the people of the community. She did bring a bag of candies with her however, which made her an immediate hit with the children of the village. During the work term the World Accord supervisor had arrange for accommodation for the volunteers in a school building a nearby community, La Buena Fe.

Because of her nursing background, Audrey was invited to assist when a mobile health clinic was scheduled to visit another village in the area. The clinic took over a small school building, hanging blankets from the ceiling to create room dividers. In one area a Honduran dentist was doing extractions. "He did not have the equipment to do fillings or other repairs, so all he could do was yank out the teeth that were past being saved."

In the other part of the clinic, an American nurse and US trained Honduran nurse were seeing patients. With few supplies and little equipment there was not much the clinic could do for the seriously ill. "They had vitamins for the pregnant and nursing mothers, aspirins for others. They took a holistic approach to medicine and often the best thing they could offer a patient was a warm blanket and reassurance." Most of the cases they saw involved impaired health, a result of parasite infestation. Some 43 individuals visited the clinic during its brief stay in the community. "These people will rarely see a doctor, and will likely never be treated in a hospital, " Audrey noted. Doctors just don't travel that far from the cities and the people of the mountains, even if they could get to a hospital, could not afford the cost of treatment.

Surrounded by some of the children of the village, Audrey Northey found that living conditions in the mountain settlements was primitive at best.

Despite the poverty and the isolation, Audrey found the citizens of these mountain villages to be keen to help themselves and make a better life for them and their families.

Before the two week visit was over, the team was given some time for touring. Audrey had an opportunity to see Mayan ruins and relax for two days before heading back to Canada.

Would she go back again?

There is no question about it. Audrey felt their contribution to the betterment of the community, though perhaps small by global standards, was meaningful, and she is eager to be a part of the similar effort.

"It was a great experience," she said as she flipped through the many photographs she has of her two weeks in Honduras, "a great experience."

(Individuals wishing to learn more about World Accord either to participate in a project or support their work financially, can contact the organization at the following address: 145 Columbia Street W., Waterloo, Ontario, N2L 9Z9. World Accord has a special family-to-family donation program in which donations are used to purchase livestock or build secure crop storage facilities for farm families in the Third World.)

The visiting medical team included a Honduran dentist, an American Nurse and a Honduran nurse with some US training. Audrey helped out for two days as the health specialists attempted to cope with the medical needs of the isolated villagers.

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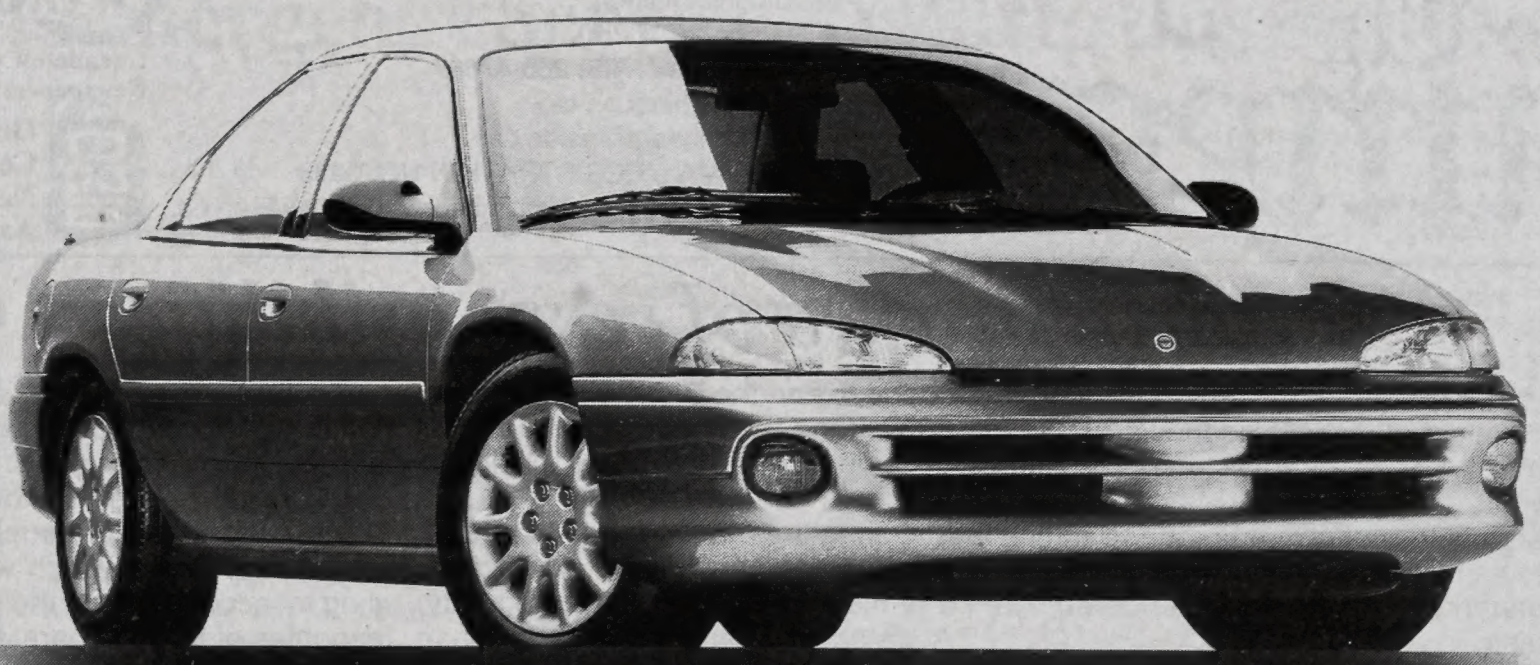

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Editorial

Adrift in a sea of responsibilities

It is easy to be sympathetic with local elected officials as they struggle to make sense of their responsibilities while the ground underneath is constantly in motion. It is indeed difficult to be the captain of the ship if the navigational aids have been rendered useless.

The Haliburton County Board of Education is one such body, adrift in a sea of responsibilities, but unable to do much about it. Normally at this time of the year the members of the board are involved in an endless round of meetings and struggling with budget figures. However, the province has announced that an amalgamated board will take over the delivery of educational services in Victoria, Haliburton counties and the District of Muskoka. As well the funding of education has become a provincial responsibility.

During the remainder of their term, the trustees have been told to manage the board's resources prudently. A watchdog commission is in place to ensure that the school boards of the province do not embark on wild spending sprees to mark their final year in existence.

The rub, of course, is that the structure for the new expanded board is not yet in place, and the old board is being held to very strict guidelines and so little is getting done. Any attempt at new expenditure is questioned, any new policy, curriculum development, any innovation that the board may have been considering, is on hold, not only for financial considerations, but because it is difficult and unfair to generate policies for the new board which will be struggling to accommodate the differing philosophies of three separate areas.

To a certain extent, the municipal politicians find themselves in the same situation. Provincial support is dwindling rapidly, new policies are being imposed, but the details of how the changes are to be implemented are lacking. No wonder our local elected representatives seem a little shell-shocked as they attempt to make sense out of all the changes.

jb

Letters

Hold the tar and feathers

Editor:

In response to Mr. Battarbee's letter (March 3), it sure is easy to sit back and be an armchair quarterback. You get to pick apart everything wrong with the system and criticize all the players and, as in Mr. Battarbee's letter, you can even exaggerate, print hearsay and throw in a little partisan propaganda to make your point.

I do not know of any teacher who plays golf on a PD day (by the way it is P.A.), however, I have never followed any of our educators on one of these days to verify this. I would assume that Mr. Battarbee has had the opportunity to play a round with one. I envy both of you.

As to summer vacation, as far as I know, teachers are on a contract to be in taxpayers employ from September until the end of June, how does that equal paid summer vacation? Have you ever gone into a school parking lot the last two weeks of August? You may be surprised to find these vacationers hard at work setting up the classrooms for our children's arrival in September.

Going back to the 50's as a guide for curriculum, now there is a novel idea. Back to the days when dropping out was an acceptable practice. Grade 11 would get you a good job. (You didn't need to know much then). If you were a slow learner in grade school, you most likely were labelled and never given a chance to become a productive member of society. Our teachers now have the tools to recognize and work with these students. Yes, all we have to do is get rid of our computers, build some one room school houses, start driving a '54 Chevrolet and forget everything we have learned in the last 40 years. (Sounds like Third World to me.)

It is not necessary to respond to all of Mr. B's letter. I think the point has been made that no facts were checked on his part and obviously the boys in Queen's Park are his heroes.

Let's stop teacher bashing and show a little respect to the people working in these institutions, the very same people that we ask our children to respect. If the system needs overhauling and budget cutting, why not listen to and work with the people who are doing the job every day. If there are a few individuals who are not pulling their weight, let's not tar and feather the whole group.

I am proud to have two daughters in post secondary education and it is in no small part that they are there because of their teachers. And yes, Mr. Battarbee, like their dad, they think for themselves and because of this they don't blindly accept everything that Mr. Harris and Mr. Snobelen tell them to think.

Ross Mark
Minden.

On contracting out....

Editor:

As part of Bill 104--The Fewer School Boards Act-- the Education Improvement Commission (EIC) will be appointed by the Government to oversee required changes.

Bill 104 states that the EIC is to "consider, conduct research, facilitate discussion and make recommendations to the Minister on how to promote and facilitate the out-sourcing of non-instructional services of school boards."

In other words, the secretaries, janitors and educational assistants now providing first rate services in your schools will no longer be employed by the school board: their jobs will be "contracted out" to the

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Emergency Service is vital to this community

Editor:

Once again I have had the experience of finding our how necessary the twenty-four hour Emergency Service is to this community. At 2 a.m. on March 1, my wife rushed me to the Minden Hospital and within a relatively short period of time, I was examined, the decision was made to stabilize me and transfer me as soon as feasible to Ross Memorial Hospital. The care and attention given by Dr. Mohammed and Mrs. Griffin until I was transferred later in the morning was fantastic. The fact that we have emergency care and stabilization facilities is most necessary and we need to ensure that it remains an integral part of our community on a round the clock basis.

We are most fortunate to have the Lions Medical Centre doctors and the highly specialized emergency doctors at Minden Hospital. I strongly urge everyone in our coverage area to give their support to both groups and especially to Dr. Fiddler who has taken such a deep interest in our community. Our ambulance attendants are a dedicated group who I found caring and professional in every aspect. Let us do all we can to make sure these people are made aware we appreciate them and be supportive of them. It is only as a united strong community that we maintain and retain the good services we have. There are people also in this community who have fought very hard to insure we have and will have probably a wider variety of health services available to us. It doesn't take very much of our time to give them a few words of appreciation and encouragement, all we have to do is remember to DO IT.

A heartfelt thank you from Gord and the family to all of you!

Gordon A. Monk
Minden.

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lowest bidder with the result that the best possible people will not necessarily be doing the job but rather those prepared to work for the lowest possible wages.

Where this "privatization" has occurred, inferior services at higher costs have occurred.

Students and teachers need these motivated support workers to be a part of a team that, working together, provides the best possible educational environment for all students. This is best accomplished when all of the team works for one board which shares these goals.

We urge you to let the government know that you do not support this initiative, if only because it is not in the best interests of all our students who are your children, and those of your friends, neighbours and relatives.

Trudy Hawthorne,
Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation,
District 50, Haliburton.

Clueless

Editor:

Mr. Jim Battarbee and Mr. John Snobelen must have attended the same schools. Neither one of them has a clue about education, but they both know how to run on and say nothing.

Bill Valentine,
Minden.

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Bringing down 'the wall'

Ottawa report

by John O'Reilly, MP

There is a growing consensus among Canadians and their governments that our first poriority when it comes to any fiscal dividend is to invest in the well-being of our children, the future of our country. In order to ensure Canadian Children are getting the start they need to become healthy, happy, educated and productive adults, the federal government has introduced an improved Canadian Child Tax Benefit.

(more on page 7)

Arthur Black

Arthur touches a nerve

If you go down to the woods today
You're in for a big surprise
Lyrics from Teddy Bear's Picnic.

Those lyrics would, I expect, have special significance for me. Especially if I was foolish enough to go down to the woods during bear season.

For those who were fortunate enough to be in Florida or Hawaii and consequently missed the firestorm, let me explain. Some weeks ago I wrote in this space that in my considered opinion anyone who 'went down to the woods' and hunted bear for sport was a....um...dork.

I have since discovered that that was grossly over-simplified and unfair. Bear hunters are, more than anything else, highly sensitive.

Especially about bear hunting.

Now I know how Bonnie and Clyde felt during their final moments. Scant seconds after these words were published, the incoming fire commenced. I was blitzed! Hammered! Thumped! I haven't received that much mail since I wrote a column suggesting that Brian Mulroney might be human. I was called ignorant, uninformed, bigoted. Some mouth breather in Sault Ste. Marie called me a child molester. Another reader suggested I should be investigated by the Mounties. Still another opined that he could tell from my writing that I was a card-carrying member of Bear Watch (I'm not, by the way--but the writer made Bear Watch sound like a terrorist cell of the Trotskyist underground.)

What I was, was wrong. I suggested in that column that bear baiting (the practice of leaving rotting food or dead carcasses out to attract bears) was a strategy employed by bear hunters. In fact, bear-baiting is illegal in most of Canada. As most letters pointed out, 'real beat hunters' don't use bait.

They may use camouflage, subterfuge, telescopic sights and high velocity, gut-exploding, flesh shredding bullets, but they certainly would never consider stooping to the use of bait.

Many correspondents, after tearing a strip off my hide, went on to explain how the pastime of bear hunting is in reality the most humanitarian of pursuits. They spoke loftily of wildlife 'management' and the heavy responsibility they bore for 'harvesting' our natural resources.

Nnnnnaw.....Sorry, Charlie. You can 'manage' a corner convenience store. You can 'harvest' a field of wheat. Wilfully blasting the guts out of a living creature calls for more active verbs.

Believe it or not, I actually got some supportive mail. Not much, I'll admit, but some. A reader is Saskatchewan wrote and said kind things. As did a fellow is Elliot Lake, Ontario who said he hunts himself, but only for meat. And a response from a reader in Vernon said in part, "No doubt you will receive a lot of abuse from the yahoo hunting fraternity....keep up the good work!"

Well, I don't think that bear hunters are all yahoos, but I do know they've got feelings. And they rile easily. If I do decide to go down to the woods today, I'm wearing a flak jacket just in case.

An enriched child tax benefit

(from page 7)

We must do everything we can to tear down the so-called "welfare wall". That is, we must ensure that parents on social assistance who rejoin the workforce will not lose all their benefits and services. The federal and provincial/territorial governments have been examining ways to bring down the welfare wall and to improve assistance to children in low-income families.

The proposed approach is a National Child Benefit System under which the federal government would introduce an enriched Canada Child Tax Benefit. In turn, the provinces and territories would redirect some of their spending into better services and benefits for low-income families, especially the working poor.

The 1997 federal budget proposes a two-step enrichment of the current $5.1 billion Child Tax benefit to create a new $6 billion Canada Child Tax Benefit by July 1998. This $850 million annual increase includes $600 million in new funds. In the first step, effective this July, the Working Income Supplement will be enriched by $195 million, that is $70 million more than proposed last year. Benefits will be provided for each child, instead of per family. The maximum Working Income Supplement will be $605 to one-child families and $1010 to two-child families, increasing by $330 for each additional child. The second step will occur in July 1998, when the Working Income Supplement will be combined with an enriched Child Tax benefit to form the Canada Child Tax Benefit. The maximum benefit for low income families will be $1625 to one-child families, $3050 to two-child families, increasing by $1425 for each additional child.

Overall, more than 1.4 million Canadian families with 2.5 million children will see an increase in federal child benefit payments by July 1998. The federal government will continue working with provinces and territories, as well as the First Nations, to design the complementary changes that will help reduce child poverty.

As the Minister of Finance said in the budget speech, there can be no more worthy effort than a new partnership on behalf of Canada's children. That is why the government is more determined than ever to improve assistance to children in low-income families. That is why the government is more determined than ever to open a broader and brighter horizon to low-income families and their children by bringing down, once and for all, the welfare wall.

Budget

(from page one)

said. "They were requested as a public forum so people could have some input on the budget. I think this council was elected, at least most of the people, on the basis that they knew the economy is fragile and we just couldn't handle tax increases at this time. That probably accounts for the lack of public input. We were not increasing the taxes. If there had been rumours that we were increasing taxes, I'm sure people would have been there."

Fearrey said that he is still anxious to get on with achieving some real economic growth.

"We seem to be suffering a fair job loss in some of the tourist sector," he said. "We need to all pull together and replace it with something else."

Fearrey also noted that the county is going to go ahead with a strategic plan.

"That's one of the highlights," he said. "We promised we would do that. The idea was that we would do the restructuring one year and we'd do the strategic plan the next year."

He said a strategic plan will solve a lot of the controversy surrounding planning issues that are different from one place to another.

"We're getting closer and closer together when we make these moves," he said.

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Sports

JUNIOR BONSPIEL

The juniors from the Minden Curling Club will be holding their bonspiel and wrap-up party at the club on Sunday, March 16

Tyke B Monarchs earn two more wins

March 1 and 2 was a winning weekend on home ice for the Minden tyke Monarchs.

Wilberforce and Ops both fell victim to the Monarchs.

Minden was quick to open the scoring against Wilberforce during the Saturday game. A scramble in front of the Wilberforce net ended with a goal by Sherri Walker. Billy Kulas and John Murray assisted.

Matt Eno made it 2-0 three minutes later, with Kyle Fry and Derek Carpenter getting the assists.

Sherri Walker scored two more in the first period to put the Monarchs in front by a 4-0 count.

Mike Lennox was solid in the Minden net.

Wilberforce came out strong in the second period, putting the first goal on the visitors' side of the scoreboard 25 seconds after the opening faceoff.

The Monarchs found themselves in the unusual position of having to kill a penalty. Brady Hicks cleared the puck out of the Minden end again and again, frustrating the Wilberforce attackers and helping to successfully weather the short-handed situation.

In the dying seconds of the period, Sherri Walker took a pass from Jordan Joanu and beat the Wilberforce netminder with one second showing on the clock.

Her fourth goal of the game gave Minden a 5-1 lead at the end of two periods.

Minden kept the pressure up in the third. Jordan Joanu scored a hat trick, with assists going to Sherri Walker, Matt Clements and Derek Carpenter.

UNDER THE GUN: The Wilberforce tyke goalie saw plenty of action in Minden on March 1. The host Monarchs built up an 8-1 third-period lead on the way to a 9-3 victory. The Monarchs added another win to their record the next day, downing Ops 6-3 at the Minden arena.

Wilberforce managed to score two more before Joanu nailed his fourth goal of the period with only four seconds left. That gave Minden a 9-3 victory.

The Ops tykes came to Minden for a game the following day. The teams were very evenly matched, in spite of the fact that the Monarchs doubled their opponents 6-3.

Jordan Joanu, Matt Eno and Billy Kulas were all robbed by the Ops goalie early in the game. At the same time, the Minden defensive unit of Kyle Fry, John Murray and Matt Clements shut down the Ops forwards.

With just two minutes left in the opening period, Billy Kulas passed the puck up to Sherri Walker, who beat the Ops netminder for a 1-0 Minden lead.

The second frame belonged to the Monarchs. Joanu hit the goalpost then passed to Walker, who nailed her second goal of the game.

Brady Hicks used his speed to pass

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35 participate in basketball clinic

A total of 35 boys and girls aged 10 to 12 took part in Monday Night Basketball at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Paul Walker and Jeff Carpenter operate the clinic. Walker says he's pleased that some of the participants from previous seasons are now playing basketball at high school. The season runs from October to March break. Tom Gardner, vice-president of the Minden Lions Club (above right), was on hand recently to present a cheque for $200, on behalf of the club, to help cover costs.

Juniors Bonspiel set for March 16

By Sandy Cole

Scores the week of February 24 to 28.

Monday Night Ladies

Pat Woodcroft 8, M.J. Irwin 3
Nancy Garbutt 8, Cheryl Murdoch 2
Dana Kinsman 10, Elaine Blakey 3

Tuesday Night Mens

Don Blakey 7, Jim Garbutt 4
Bill Roodenburg 9, Paul Prentice 8
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Bob Pollard 6, Gord Wood 3
Russ Duhaime 7, Ross Petch 6

Thursday Night Mixed

Bob Pollard 7, Dan Garbutt 5
Ted Wilkes 13, Brian Cross 1
Cheryl Murdoch 10, Alf Trotter 5
Gord Wood 7, Keith Fountain 4

Friday Night Mixed

Mark Lund 11, Jack Brezina 1
Zelda Cooper 9, Paul Prentice 6
Don Blakey 9, Cheryl Murdoch 1
Jim Garbutt 11, Bill Roodenburg 4

Events

Congratulations to all who participated in this years "Straw and Stone" bonspiel that was held on March 7 & 8. The hard work that was put into this event really made it a great weekend. Many thanks to all who played in or helped to organize this event.

All members please have your ticket stubs for the junior cash draw handed in. The winning tickets will be drawn on March 14 at 10 p.m.

Come out to the club on March 16th and cheer on the youngest members of our club. The "Juniors Bonspiel" and wrap-up party will end the season for the juniors.

Make way for the ladies "Sweep into Spring" bonspiel on March 21 and 22. This is the last bonspiel for the season, so make sure you are signed up.

The second schedule overall mixed playoff game will be on Thursday March 27.

This year's Banquet and Awards Night will be April 19. More details will be forthcoming. Make sure you have this date circled on your calender, this is a "don"t miss" occasion.

Creemore takes lead over Minden midgets with two weekend wins

by Jerry Grozelle

Losing the first game of the all-Ontario midget D quarterfinals by a 5-2 margin in Minden, Creemore coach Marty Beelen informed the Minden team officials that they could expect a different game in Creemore the following Saturday. In fact, the outcome was different. Creemore stayed a goal ahead of the Monarchs through most of the game. Minden tied the score at 3-3 with 5:20 remaining in the third period, but the persistent home squad scored the go-ahead goal with a minute and a half left and hung on for the win.

The following day, the Creemore Valley Hawks were in Minden for game three of the series.

The Monarchs picked a poor time for a lackluster performance, giving up a 2-1 decision in a game where they never really scored a goal. The lone Minden marker was credited to Steve Ecclestone because he was the closest Minden player to the Creemore defender who shot the puck in his own net. Darren Mills should really have been given credit for the goal since it was his effort that put the puck in position and created the scramble in front of the Creemore net. Mills took the puck at centre ice, split the Creemore defence at the blue line and got a shot on net. Hawks netminder Chris Lawrence couldn't corral the bouncing puck and after two or three Minden players got a whack at it, the Creemore player's wrist shot finally found the mark.

The Monarchs had some good chances, but they didn't play as a team in game three.

Creemore opened the scoring at the 2:05 mark of the first period. The Hawks made it 2-0 five minutes into the second frame when a shot from a sharp angle rattled off the inside of the post and dropped in behind goaltender Ashley Walker.

The Minden tally was recorded with 35 seconds left in the second period. The third was scoreless, in spite of Minden's effort to tie the game by pulling Walker in favour of the extra attacker. The Monarchs kept the Hawks bottled up in their own end and had several good scoring opportunities, but time ran out and Creemore hung on for the win.

The game in Creemore the night before was up for grabs right to the end.

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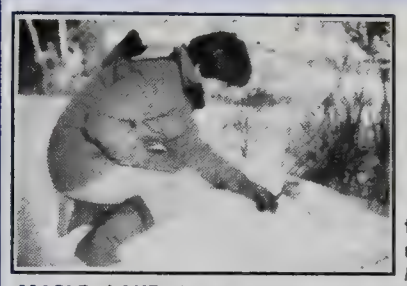

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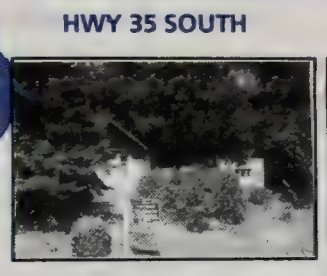

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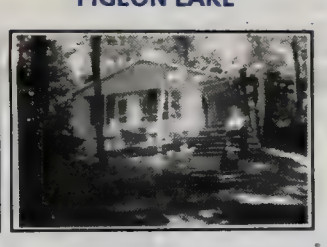

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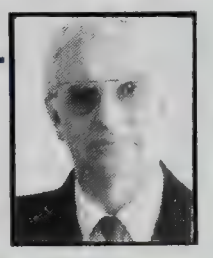

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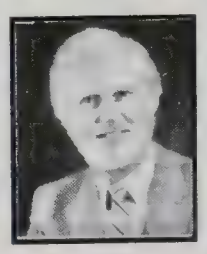

Austin's weekly calendar

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March 11: Wheels to Meals going to the BMD Restaurant, Gooderham. For more information call the Haliburton County Home Support Services at 457-2941

March 11-13: Children's Craft Workshops during March break at the Rails' End Gallery, for children 6-10 years of age. $2. 1:30-3:00 p.m.

March 15: Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association annual wild game dinner featuring a taste of everything from moose to bear to boar and more. At the Legion Hall Haliburton. $20/person, proceeds to wildlife rehabilitation programs. Tickets available Bruce's Barber Shop, Haliburton and Minden Live Bait and Tackle. Doors open 5 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., dance 9 p.m.

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Home Hardware ties KDD 3-3 in series opener

by Jerry Grozelle

What a difference playoffs make!

Now that the Minden Men's Hockey Association playoffs are under way, the competition has tightened up dramatically.

It would have been reasonable to expect the opening game of the Kountry Double D vs. Home Hardware series to be a lot different than it turned out. KDD finished atop the four-team the league, while Home was at the bottom of the pack. Home Hardware served notice that it is a contender for the league title by battling to a 3-3 tie against the league powerhouse.

Scott Nesbitt of Home Hardware netted the lone goal of the first period, from Joe Sullivan and Derrick Moore.

KDD got back on even terms in the second frame, with an unassisted effort from Scott Hamilton.

Home took the lead again when Nesbitt scored his second of the game. Peter Allore set that one up.

KDD responded with two more before the second period ended. Craig Crowe notched them both. Scott Danilko assisted on the first one and Hamilton set up the go-ahead marker.

At the end of two periods, KDD held a slim 3-2 advantage.

Home scored the only goal of the third. Tom Haley was the sniper, from Dean Sisson.

The series is two-games total goals.

Westside 7, Hartwick 6

The Westside Jug City-Hartwick Construction series is also a close one after the first game. With the two teams finishing the regular season just one point apart, it is no surprise that the game was decided by a single point.

Westside took a 3-1 first-period lead on goals by Jamie Dollo, Kent Taylor and Tony VanLieshout.Gord Wood picked up two assists and single helpers went to Craig Phillips and VanLieshout.

Jeff Howe replied for Hartwick, with Andrew Burk assisting.

Hartwick outscored Westside 4-1 in the second period to take over the lead at 5-4. Howe added two more to the Hartwick count, with Ivan Ingram and Burk notching one apiece. Glenn Hall, Burk and Howe each picked up one assist in the middle frame.

The marksman was Wood, from Sheldon Stevenson and Dollo.

Burk's second goal of the game, early in the third period gave Hartwick a 6-4 lead. Ingram set that one up.

But Westside's VanLieshout tied the game, assisted by Taylor and Ben Manuge. Then, Dollo netted his second of the game to give Westside the 7-6 final. Wood assisted.

The final games of both series are tonight (Monday, March 10). Hartwick and Westside will take to the ice at 8 p.m. and the KDD-Home game will follow at 9:30.

Winners of these two series will battle it out for the A championship and the losers will compete for the B championship.

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Lester brothers dominate Snowcross racing circuit

The Lester brothers, Luke and AJ of Minden participated in the third annual Snap-On Tools Cup Snowcross Races sanctioned by the Canadian Snowcross Racing Association (CSRA) on Saturday, March 1 and Sunday, March 2 in Parry Sound.

Luke, 17, took home eight first place trophies out of 10 classes he entered over the two days. Despite heavy rain on Saturday and wet and muddy conditions on Sunday, he scored first both days in Supersport 440cc Stock Fan, Supersport Stock 500cc, Supersport Stock 600cc and Junior Two. Luke also placed second in Supersport Open on Saturday. A last-lap crash while going for the lead in Supersport Open on Sunday left him in seventh place.

Luke is currently leading the CSRA points standings in all Supersport division classes. He races a Polaris Indy XC-440. The machine is tuned by Tim George of Wedgewood Marina at Minden.

Two weeks ago in Sudbury, Luke took home six first place finishes out of eight class entries.

AJ Lester, 12, placed first in Junior One on both days of the Parry Sound competition. This was the second week AJ has had a clean sweep of the Junior One class on both race days. Two weeks earlier, in Sudbury, AJ captured two wins in two starts as well. AJ races a Ski-Doo Formula from Prentice-Berry in Minden.

With only two events to go (Owen Sound and Saulte Ste. Marie) on the 1997 CSRA circuit, the Lester Brothers are favoured to capture division championships in their respective classes.

SNOWCROSS SUPERSTARS: Snowmobile racers AJ (centre) and Luke Lester (right) are joined by their dad Mark at a recent race. The two Lester boys currently lead the points standings in their respective classes and are favoured to capture championship hardware.

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Tykes down Wilberforce and Ops

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all the Ops players and put Minden up 3-0. Then, Walker moved the puck up to Joanu, who went in alone and found an open corner. With a minute left in the period, Matt Eno made it 5-0, assisted by Hicks and Carpenter.

Mike Lennox continued to rob the Ops attackers when they had the opportunity to get a shot on net.

Ops came alive in the third period, scoring three quick goals and closing the gap to 5-3. But Sherri Walker got control of the puck from faceoff, went in alone and waited out the Ops goalie, scoring her third of the game.

With just a few seconds left in the game, and the Ops net empty, Brady Hicks broke loose. He fired the puck at the empty net, but the buzzer sounded just before it crossed the line, robbing him of an empty-net marker.

The final score was 6-3 in favour of the Monarchs.

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REBOUND: Minden substitute goalie Kody Smith makes the save, but the Mariposa attacker is right there for the rebound. Mariposa came out on top with a 3-1 win in this game.

Novice B Monarchs prepare for round robin playoffs

With the round robin playoffs starting this Thursday, the Minden novice B Monarchs picked a good time to get a couple of losses out of their system before the serious competition starts.

Mariposa 3, Minden 1

The Monarchs played host to Mariposa on March 1.

With Minden's regular goalie JD Crowe sidelined with the flu, Kody Smith drew guard duty between the Minden pipes. He did an admirable job, but when the final buzzer sounded, Mariposa was up by a 3-1 score.

Tyler Anderson was the lone marksman for the Monarchs.

Bobcaygeon 7, Minden 5

The Minden team went to Bobcaygeon the day before and came home on the short end of a 7-5 score.

After scoring the first goal of the game, the Monarchs succeeded in stirring the Bobcaygeon boys into action. The home team responded with four goals before the first period ended and added two more in the second, before the Monarchs added their second to the visitors' side of the scoreboard.

The Monarchs started on the road to recovery in the third, scoring three consecutive goals and cutting the gap to 6-5 with 1:13 left in the game.

An empty net goal with 18 seconds left clinched the win for Bobcaygeon.

Travis Walker notched two of the Minden goals and helped to set up another one. Sherri Walker, Steven Draker and Tyler Anderson added a goal each to the Minden tally. Anderson also picked up one assist. Single helpers went to Justin Davidson, Mike Fisher, Mac Campbell and Kody Smith.

The round robin playoffs will be against Bobcaygeon and Beaverton,with the first game for Minden this Thursday evening.

The Monarchs are entered in a tournament in Wilberforce this Saturday, March 15.

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Nordic Notes

by Blake Paton

March has thus far brought good skiing to a season which has featured reasonably-good skiing throughout, except that too few weekends brought golden sunshine and blue wax conditions. The betting pool for latest skiing has begun—will this year take us into April?

Many people get excited about the end of winter and forget that we can often enjoy the local trails until April Fool's Day.

I will be collecting anecdotes about this season, and one will certainly be "latest ski trip." If you set some records or made some noteworthy trips, please share them with us!

Locally, skiers from around the region showed up for the first Moosewoods loppet on the third of March. Rain the previous day reduced the field, but the trails were in good shape and the competition was stiff. The 20km Men's event was even won by a local skier (modesty forbids me from naming him) in 1:02:24.

The World Championships, which ended on the second of March brought some good results for the Canadian team, with several top 30 placings in both the men's and women's events. The men's 4x10km relay team also brought home a top 10 placing.

The World Championships also brought a doping scandal, as Egerova, winner of the women's 5km event, was caught using a banned substance. Many observers of the competition scene wondered why it took so long to nab a major star because doping has long been suspected, but this is the first noteworthy conviction in recent memory. It is a shame because it casts a shadow over the other competitors.

It is not too soon to begin thinking about next year, either. And if you wish to ski better next December, then make sure you spend some time thinking about technique as you ski this March. Pay attention to increasing your glide and weight transfer. These principles apply equally to skaters and classic skiers.

In closing this week, it is a sad fact of life, but we're limited to a paltry four months of skiing! Don't let a minute slip past.

Minden Skating Club Carnival

Guest skater Sean Kelly

Sean Kelly began his skating career in July of 1990, under the coaching of his uncle Paul Wirtz in Montreal. He retired from figure skating one year later at the age of 12 years to return home to his family in Courtice, Ontario. After a two year absence from the sport, he felt the urge to return to Montreal to train once again with his uncle.

During his first year back, (1993) Sean passed the Junior and Senior Bronze freeskate, first, second, third, fourth, figures, and Novice competitive tests. This qualified him to compete in the Novice Men's Singles class in 1994. Representing the Ste. Jean Figure Skating Club in Brossard, Quebec, Sean placed third at the Quebec Provincial Championships in his first outing. He went on to place first overall at the Atlantic Divisional Championships, elevating him to the Canadian National Championships in Halifax in January of 1995. Here he placed fourth overall, moving up four spots from eighth after the short program. Federation Patinage de Artistique, Quebec awarded him the Novice Men's Figure Skater of the Year.

In July of the same year, Sean returned home to Courtice, feeling the need for family. He enjoyed a well deserved summer vacation. In September, he began training for the upcoming season with his new coach Robert Pollard. Representing the Oshawa Skating Club, he won the bronze medal at the Eastern Ontario Championships in Kanata. He attended the Eastern Divisional Championships in Woodbridge in early December, placing fourth overall, moving from seventh after the short program, qualifying, for the Canadian National Championships in February of 1996 in Ottawa. After placing fourth in the short program, Sean felt poised to win the long program, which he did, landing, a triple toe, triple Salchow, triple Lutz, double flip, double loop, double Lutz, and two double Axels. He placed first overall, winning the gold medal and the Novice Men's Canadian Championship, earning a spot on the Junior National Team.

Since his win at "Canadians", Sean has completed his Junior Men's Singles Competitive test, under the direction of his new coach, Tracy Tutton. He continues to live and train in the Oshawa area.

Monarchs eliminated

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An unassisted goal by Darren Mills closed the gap to 2-1 with less than five minutes left in the middle frame. Creemore had notched the only goal of the first period and added one eight minutes into the second.

Wayne Kernohan evened the score at the 2:16 mark of the third, with another unassisted Minden goal. A little more than three minutes later, the Hawks jumped in front again and four minutes after that, Ryan Anderson scored for the Monarchs to knot the game at 3-3.

Creemore's goal with 1:31 left gave the Hawks a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five series.

Games four and five were scheduled for this past Saturday and Sunday in Creemore and Minden, respectively.

A call to the Creemore arena Saturday night revealed that the Hawks pulled off an overtime win to take the series three games to two. Details from the game will be available for next week's issue of The Times.

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Mighty C tykes split against two Beaverton teams

The Mighty C tyke Monarchs went to Beaverton to take on the #2 team on Saturday, March 1.

The home team struck first, scoring in the first period.

The second period was under way before the Mighty C squad put one into the Beaverton net. Edward Cyr was the marksman, from Tanner Graham and Jared Mills.

The home team came back with four in a row. Cyr notched two more replies, rounding out his hat trick and cutting the Beaverton lead to 5-3. Graham, Paddy Manuge, Brent Doiron and Stephen Roome drew assists on the last two Minden goals.

The Beaverton 2 team held on to record the 5-3 win.

The next day, the Beaverton #1 team came to Minden for a game.

The Monarchs were shorthanded because of illness, so the six players who did make it for the game played nonstop for the full 30 minutes.

With Stephen Room guarding the net, the other five covered the defensive and forward positions.

Minden netted two goals in the first period. Edward Cyr scored the first, assisted by Brent Doiron and Jared Mills. Then, with 58 seconds left in the opening frame, Mills put one into the Beaverton net, from Mike Toye and Paddy Manuge.

The Minden team showed signs of tiring in the second period and Beaverton took advantage. With rested players, Beaverton pumped in four goals to jump in front 4-2.

The Mighty C team came to life again in the third. The boys found their second wind. Toye started the charge, scoring the first of four in a row. Cyr and Toye assisted. Mills tied the score, with his second of the game. Manuge and goalie Stephen Roome helped with that goal. Mills rounded out his hat trick about 20 seconds later, from Toye and Cyr. Then, Cyr scored one more for Minden, unassisted, and the Monarchs.

The Mighty C Monarchs were entered in the 1997 Milk Energy Penalty Free Sweepstakes Contest and they won Backyard Ice Rinks for each member of the team.

Ron Robinson rolls 330

Thursday Night Mixed League
(February 28)

High average: Joan Rivard 170; Walt Stegmaier 205
High single: Joan Rivard 287; Walt Stegmaier 213
High single (handicap): Joan Rivard 331; Matt Harding 249
High triple: Joan Rivard 738; Walt Stegmaier 575
High triple (handicap): Joan Rivard 870; Matt Harding 637

Thursday Night Mixed League
(February 21)

High average: Joan Rivard 170; Walt Stegmaier 205
High single: Carol Gilligan 281; Alex Little 292
High single (handicap): Carol Gilligan 328; Alex Little 319
High triple: Carol Gilligan 618; Alex Little 696
High triple (handicap): Carol Gilligan 759; Alex Little 777

Monday Night Mixed League
(March 3)

High average: Marlene Robinson 206; Scott Moore 222
High single: Marlene Robinson 266; Ron Robinson 330
High single (handicap): Sheila Woodcroft 305; Ron Robinson 344
High triple: Marlene Robinson 731; Ron Robinson 859
High triple (handicap): Sheila Woodcroft 779; Ron Robinson 901

Legion 636 Mixed League
(March 3)

High average: Georgina Parkes 163; Fred Knight 198
High single: Leitha Kuchalema 249; Lloyd Brown 230
High single (handicap): Leitha Kuchalema 303; Roy McDonald 300
High triple: Leitha Kuchalema 646; Lloyd Brown 549
High triple (handicap): Leitha Kuchalema 808; Roy McDonald 699

Tuesday Afternoon Seniors League
(March 4)

High average: Eleanor Young 180; Walt Stegmaier 205
High single: Nancy Moore 210; Walter Stegmaier 239
High single (handicap): Nancy Moore 266; Ralph young 264
High triple: Eleanor Young 543; Walt Stegmaier 615
High triple (handicap): Nancy Moore 652; Nick Boekestyn 680

Tuesday Night Mixed League
(March 4)

High average: Cathy Snell 204; Scott Moore 220
High single: Rawn Brown 316; Scott Moore 269
High single (handicap): Rawn Brown 344; Scott Moore 275
High triple: Rawn Brown 757; Scott Moore 741
High triple (handicap): Rawn Brown 844; Scott Moore 759

Thursday Afternoon Seniors League
(March 6)

High average: Edith Alzner 173; Ray Lymer and Jerry Warren 192 (tied)
High single: Carolyn Beer 225; Jerry Warren 275
High single (handicap): Carolyn Beer 271; Rawn Brown 302
High triple: Edith Alzner 582; Rawn Brown 678
High triple (handicap): Shirley Howe 738; Rawn Brown 759

Mr. and Mrs. Bowling Tournament

The annual Mr. and Mrs Bowling Tournament took place Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2 at County Bowling Centre. The top six couples will go on to the Zone Finals on May 11.

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Third - Lloyd and Joanne Brown
Fourth - Ray and Eleanor Lymer
Fifth - Maurice and Dorothy Boyd
Sixth - Al and theresa Clement

An ecstatic Michelle Moore bowled the high single of the tournament, with a score of 373.

Seniors' Exchange Tournament

The first half of the Lakefield/ Minden Senior Bowling Exchange Bowling Tournament was held Friday, February 28 at County Bowling Centre. The competition was keen, the camaraderie was boisterous and the lunch was delicious.

Minden bowlers graciously allowed the visiting Lakefield competitors to win the first round with a resounding victory. The second half of the tournament is scheduled for Lakefield on March 11.

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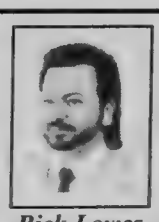

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OPP, governments can deal

Staff sergeant Andy Millar of the Coboconk and Minden Ontario Provincial Police detachments spoke to Anson, Hindon and Minden council February 27.

Millar told council that the lease on the current OPP building has been renewed for one year, with a three-month escape clause should better accommodations be found. Millar noted that OPP plans are in a "holding pattern" while government restructuring, responsibilities for police services and other concerns are sorted out. He added that the Ministry of Natural Resources building in Minden is still under consideration as a shared facility for both the OPP and MNR, although Millar admitted he has some reservations regarding the use of the MNR building. He pointed out that there would be some costs involved in making secure the part of the building which the OPP would occupy. Millar also noted that the facility would be smaller than the current Minden office.

Although the Ministry of the Solicitor General has stated that it prefers to use facilities that are already owned by the provincial government, those directives are not carved in stone.

As he stated in his presentation to Stanhope council the week before, Miller told Anson, Hindon and Minden council that two options exist if the municipality chooses to use the services of the OPP when policing responsibilities are transferred to local governments. One option is for municipalities to do nothing and simply pay the bill when it is presented. The other is to negotiate a contract, customizing the police services to the needs of the municipality, with the price tag corresponding to the services provided.

The number of incidents which were investigated by the OPP within Anson, Hindon and Minden townships in 1996 was 3,222, or roughly 25 per cent of the incidents recorded for all of Haliburton County. Incidents which occurred on provincial highways were included in that figure. Those incidents, along with specialized OPP services such as marine, TRU (Tactical Rescue Unit), drug enforcement, RIDE, homicide investigations and the use of canine units, will remain provincial responsibilities for which municipalities won't be billed.

The Minden OPP office, as of last week, has a person to answer the telephone and respond to people who attend the office during the day again. Millar said the continuation of that service will depend on how it is received by the public.

Neither the Coboconk nor the Minden OPP offices are big enough to accommodate the all of the officers from both detachments, Millar said. He noted that given the choice, he would favour Coboconk because it is a larger facility.

The combined Coboconk/Minden detachments of the OPP are currently understaffed by about 10 per cent of the officers for which they are approved. He doesn't expect those numbers to improve until other areas, which are currently understaffed by as much as 20 to 25 per cent, are topped up with officers.

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11:00 A.M.

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Hospital projects may break ground in summer

by Andrew Milne

Construction on renovated area hospitals may begin as soon as this summer.

Officials for the hospital board said last week that, though time lines are tight, if everything comes together, site preparation at facilities to upgrade and replace Minden and Haliburton's aging hospital structures can begin as early as May.

And again, assuming everything comes together, the structures might even be completed through the following winter.

The report follows a meeting between board officials and the Ministry of Health, through whom many stages of the projects must be applied.

The Haliburton board feels getting the capital projects under way quickly is their central priority at this stage — with hoped-for cost savings one ultimate goal. The newly formed board has assumed from the beginning, they say, that running the two area hospitals out of the facilities in which they currently run, introduces costs they cannot sustain over the long term. They have therefore been trying to convince the various agencies of the MOH responsible to 'fast-track' the project.

It's a complicated business, says executive director Foster Loucks. More than one branch of the MOH is involved in the project. Due to the planned integration of the Minden hospital's observation beds and urgent care facilities, people from long term care and hospital divisions are in on the deal. That complication seems to be significant because the two branches have differing expectations for differing operations, something that makes integrating the two problematic.

There's an irony in this, says Loucks. The MOH has been talking recently about an integrated model of health care, and he feels the board's approach is a serious attempt to make that happen.

The MOH also seems to have difficulty, he says, with the fact that the board plans now to deliver services at the Minden site that weren't reflected in earlier planning.

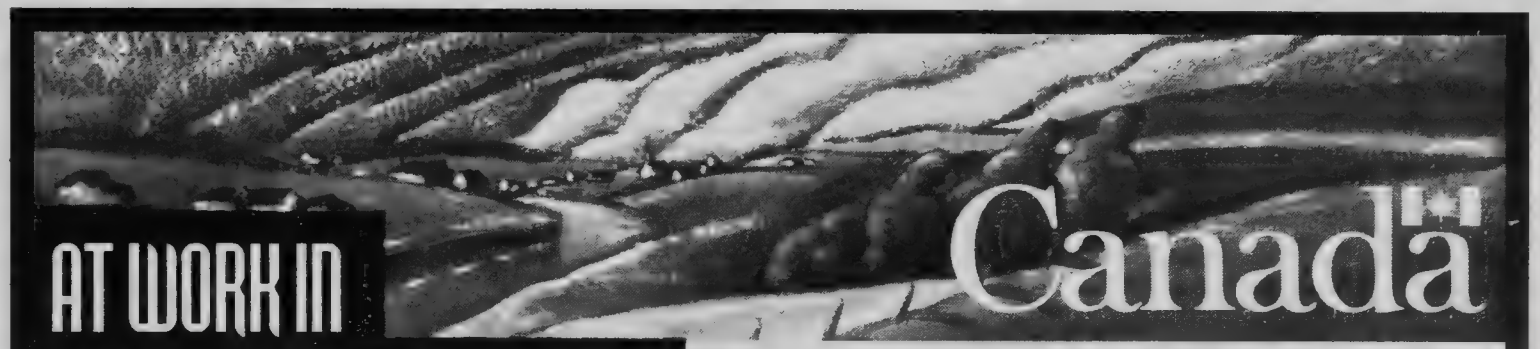
Says Loucks, "It's almost like we shouldn't use the word emergency. When we say we want to do things like assessment and stabilisation, like we're doing now, with some observation beds, they don't seem quite so concerned... That point is our bottom line is at that point. They have got to allow us to maintain a level of service like what we're doing at Minden hospital right now. Some of that also involves the ability to design our building, and to use the staff resources that we have appropriately between long term care and covering off the ambulatory care. If someone with chest pain comes in at two in the morning, we want to be able to serve that person, but we want to be able to use existing resources on the premises... That's what we mean by an integrated health system. And the ministry is still coming to grips with how that's to be done... We're saying to them look, you've got to allow us to use the resources so that they're the most efficient. If you start setting up rules that limit that or prohibit that, we're not going to be able to achieve what we thought you meant all along by an integrated health system."

Loucks said, however that the MOH does seem to have this goal at heart, and just seems to be having difficulty working toward it. More to the point, they did manage give an assurance that they would try to move things along, and that they would try to process program approval far enough to get started by the end of April. And that, he says, leaves him hopeful that if the board works at it, they can get the shovels in the ground in time.

The project has also been somewhat complicated, says Loucks, by soil sampling at the planned building site adjacent to the existing Hyland Crest long term care facility. The samples suggest that the building really shouldn't be attempted as planned, and that means going back and doing some more drawing.

All the same, however, if everything falls into place, he says, the board can hope to be doing foundation work as early as May or June, overlapping the drawing of the detailed plans during this period. They then hope to be able to award the construction contract for the structure above the foundation as of September, for autumn exterior construction, and possible finishing during the winter.

Says Loucks, "Now that's optimistic, and that's assuming a few things... That's the ideal, and there's lots of room for slippage in there. But it is possible now."



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■ Earn while you learn. Here's your chance to design an Internet web page, develop or upgrade computer skills and hone your promotional abilities. The **Community Access Program Youth Employment Project**, run by Industry Canada, introduces unemployed or underemployed youth to Internet technology, while putting their rural communities on-line. CAP will provide up to 5,000 rural communities with access to the information highway by 1998.

Scholarships

Agriculture is a high-tech industry. And it needs highly trained people to keep it moving forward. The **Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada National Scholarships** program assists students in pursuing advanced degrees in a broad range of science disciplines related to agriculture and agri-food. Eligible fields of study include botany, animal sciences, microbiology, agricultural engineering, veterinary medicine, agricultural economics, information technology and others.

For more information on these and other youth programs call the Government of Canada Youth Info Line at 1-800-935-5555 or visit the new youth web site at http://www.youth.gc.ca

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Hunter orange mandatory for 1997 big game seasons

Natural Resources Minister Chris Hodgson has announced a regulation that requires hunters to wear hunter orange.

The regulation will require most hunters to wear hunter orange during deer, moose and bear hunting seasons. Bow hunters hunting during archery-only seasons and licensed waterfowl hunters will continue to be encouraged to voluntarily wear orange.

"In requiring hunter orange, MNR is continuing its tradition of promoting safe hunting practices, making an already safe recreational activity even safer. These changes bring Ontario in line with many other North American jurisdictions and recognize a practice that has been recommended to Ontario's hunters for several years," said Hodgson

Hunter orange clothing must cover a minimum of 400 square inches above the waist and must be visible from all sides. A hunting coat or vest generally meets this requirement. Orange headcover will also be required. Camouflage or open mesh hunter orange does not satisfy the regulatory requirements.

"Wearing hunter orange helps to ensure that you are visible to other hunters. It has proven to have no negative effect on hunting success. Big game is alerted by movement, not color," advises Rick Morgan, executive vice-president of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

The OFAH has long been a proponent of hunter orange.

The MNR is now working to ensure Ontario's outdoors garment manufacturers, many of whom already produce hunter orange, understand the standards to be met. The regulation is scheduled to take effect for the fall 1997 hunting season.

The Minister made the announcement at the OFAH annual convention in Hamilton.

Additional information on hunter orange is available from MNR's Natural Resources Information Centre in Peterborough, (705) 755-2000, or any MNR District Off ice.

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Kinmount recruiting doctors

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provision of wheelchair access and a suitable turn-around for ambulances.

Medical services, Wilkes says, are vital to the growth of the community.

"Baby Boomers are turning 50 and many of them are thinking about retiring to this area," he said. "They want to get away from the cities and settle where the environment is cleaner, the pace is slower and it's a safer place to live. But they won't come here if we don't have adequate health services."

Wilkes pointed out that hospitals are being downsized and the emphasis is being transferred to home support.

"We need doctors to make that work," he said. "The role of the family doctor is very important."

Wilkes' committee includes representatives from Burnt River, Irondale, Snowdon, Lutterworth, Harvey, Galway-Cavendish, Somerville, Howland Junction, Laxton, and Kinmount. The total user base represents more than 3,000 permanent and 6,000 seasonal residents. The permanent population includes a very high percentage of seniors, with 40 per cent over the age of 50.

Many of the retired residents are now spending more than six months of the year at their cottages, which puts additional strain on local health services.

A June 1996 survey showed that more than 33 per cent of Kinmount area permanent residents do not have a local family doctor.

"I've had no trouble getting volunteers," he said, adding that he is very impressed that the community is so enthusiastic about such an important issue as health services.

If everything goes according to plan, renovations to the lower level of the Somerville Township office will begin early this spring.

Wilkes says he is optimistic that the community be able to attract doctors once a quality facility is available.

Taking a cautious approach, the committee has agreed that construction won't begin until a minimum of 70 per cent of the committee members are ready to approve the start of the project. The intent is to ensure the success of the project.

The Kinmount area was designated as an underserviced area by the Ministry of Health in 1995. A tax free incentive of $15,000 per doctor was allocated to Kinmount on November 1, 1996.

"Health care and doctors clearly are high priority needs for Kinmount and area people," Wilkes said.

HHHS predicting shortfall from $50,000 to $100,000

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fact that the board finds itself in this position are both factors due in part to the recent reorganization, in which the board took over management of the hospitals from former parent hospital St. Joseph's of Peterborough. It's simply new territory. The earlier, more optimistic estimates, he said, made after a summer in which the board seemed to be comfortably ahead of its financial target, seemed reasonable at the time.

Says Nichol, "I guess what we're finding out is it didn't cost as much as we'd thought to run in the summer, and the expenses don't go down as much as we'd hoped in the wintertime... After the end of September, we really honestly thought this was great. But expenses really aren't as light. You still buy supplies, you still have wages. But you know, it's our first year, I guess we didn't do the best job we could have. I still give full marks to Foster [Loucks] — when St. Joseph's ran the same thing, they were always running with a deficit of $300,000."

Nichol and Loucks say they expect the board will be looking at a new arrangement with doctors staffing emergency wards, who currently receive a top-up to their salaries when regular OHIP billings are slow, will consider reducing supply expenses (around $400,000 of the $2.8 million budget), and may seek an agreement with the Lions clinic whereby the hospital staff might take some of that clinics' overload, thus also increasing OHIP billings.

'Magic' tournament draws 35 players

"Draconia", the first ever Haliburton County Magic tournament took place on Saturday, March 1, in Haliburton.

The competition drew 35 participants aged 10 to 21 who duelled for top spot in each of the tournaments three rounds, accumulating points and prizes as they went. At the end of the day, the big winners were Kaija Siirala, Brian Rivard, and John Browning, who each walked away with prizes of $30.00 in magic cards. The race for the highest point total ended with a three way tie between John Browning, Brian Doyle, and Joel Grossman. Door prizes were awarded to Dan Craig and Desire Sinnige.

The tournament was organized and run by Adam Bathe and Brian Doyle, two grade nine students at HHSS, with the help of Richard Gauthier, Janis Gauthier, and Cheryl Bathe.

With this first success under their belt, Brian and Adam are already planning to organize similar events in the near future, and are looking for potential sponsors to help cover the costs of prizes and attract more participants.

Though still in the planning stages, look for more information on these upcoming tournaments soon.

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County of Haliburton Roads Department

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Leslie Shepherd, County Engineer

Jim McMahon, Roads Committee Chairman

Acid rain report

The following report on acid precipitation was recorded at the Ministry of Environment and Energy site at Dorset.

This report covers the period January 22 to March 5:

- January 22: 25 mm of mixed snow and rain with a pH of 4.42
- January 24: 9.8 mm of snow with a pH of 4.64
- January 25: 5.8 mm of snow with a pH of 4.38
- January 27: 12.2 mm of snow with a pH of 4.29
- January 31: 7.6 mm of snow with a pH of 4.39
- February 4: 11.6 mm of snow with a pH of 4.23
- February 11: 3.0 mm of snow with a pH of 4.35
- February 12: 1.9 mm of snow with a pH of 4.45
- February 14: 2.2 mm of snow with a pH of 4.12
- February 19: 1.8 mm of mixed snow and rain with a pH of 3.99
- February 20: 17.7 mm of mixed snow and rain with a pH of 4..41
- February 21: 40.2 mm of mixed snow and rain with a pH of 4.53
- February 26: 8.2 mm of mixed snow and rain with a pH of 4.39
- February 27: 11.0 mm of snow with a pH of 4.63
- March 1: 8.2 mm of mixed snow ands rain with a pH of 4.06
- March 4: 1.9 mm of snow with a pH of 4.67
- March 5: 2.6 mm of snow with a [pH of 4.72

Environmental damage to lakes and streams is usually observed in sensitive areas regularly receiving precipitation with pH readings of less than 4.7. pH readings less than 4.0 are considered serious.

REDUCED LOAD REGULATIONS (1997)

As outlined in the Highway Traffic Act, Reduced Loading will be in effect in Huntsville District at 12:01 a.m. Thursday March 13, 1997. The Highways affected are:

Hwy. 518 from the West limits of Sprucedale to the Jct. of Hwy. 69; from the East limits of Kearney to the easterly limit of Hwy. 518; Hwy. 510 from Hwy. 520 northerly to Hwy 124; Hwy. 520 from Hwy. 124 northwesterly to the Hamlet of Ardberg; Hwy. 559 the entire length; Hwy. 592 the entire length; Hwy. 612 from the Muskoka/Parry Sound District boundary northerly to Hwy. 69; Hwy. 632 from the Muskoka/Parry Sound District boundary northerly to Hwy. 141 at Rosseau; Hwy. 7160 from the South Junction of Hwy. 11 to the North Jct. of Hwy. 11 in the Hamlet of Novar; Hwy. 7182 from Hwy. 559 northerly to Hwy. 69.

Local Roads Boards affected are:

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Ontario

Around the County Town

by Gord Graham (call 286-6506-- FAX 286-3460)

Did you ever notice...

* how quickly "pay later" comes when you "buy now"?

* that the first piece of luggage out of the airport chute never belongs to anybody?

* that the weaker the argument, the stronger the words?

* that the shortest line becomes the slowest line once you choose it?

* that the last key in the bunch usually opens the lock?

* that the first person who gets off a crowded elevator is always standing in the back?

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We got a call from Betty and Bernard Trumbull to say how proud they are of their daughter Judy Muschett who is a member of the Peterborough adult line dancing skating group "Amazing Blades". The group skated in Halifax on March 5 and, according to Betty, "they are indeed amazing - they actually line dance on ice".

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The winner of the 50/50 draw held at the Kinmount Legion last week was Alaine McMullan from Uxbridge who walked away with $57.

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The 50+ Club are holding a dinner and dance in the Haliburton Legion on Thursday, March 20 starting at 4:30 p.m. If you wish to go, (you don't have to be a member) call 286-3247 by Mon. March 17.

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St. Paul's Friendship Club hold a euchre party every Monday at 1:30 p.m. and on February 24 Marg McAfee had the most lone hands, Ken Rowden had the high score and Jeanne Sears won the 50/50 draw. On March 3, Ken Rowden had the most lone hands, Norm Lee and Jeanne Sears had the high scores and Betty Hardy won the 50/50 draw.

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Club 35 euchre winners from last week were Bob Lewis most lone hands (Bob also won the 50/50 draw), Edith Russell and Bill Cowen high scores, Olive Jones, Bill Jordan and Norma Sisson low scores. A special award was also given to Olive and to Murray Daniels as well. Join them every Monday at 7:30 p.m. for euchre and fun. No partners needed.

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Contract bridge winners from the Stanhope Library last Tuesday gave first place to Ross Fletcher, second to Helen Rice and third to Muriel McIntosh. Join them each week on Tuesdays starting at 1:00 p.m. - everyone welcome and partners are not required.

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Seniors bid euchre is played every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Minden Legion and just to show you that it's not all serious stuff that goes on there, Mary Coltman made a most delicious birthday cake for Ellie Langpohl last week which everyone completely devoured. Happy belated birthday Ellie. And now for the serious business: Pat Roussel had the high score and a moonshot followed close behind by Marg McAfee (who also had 2 moonshots) and Ellie Langpohl. Iris Taylor had the hidden score and a moonshot as well. Everyone is so happy that Jack Chilton is back among them.

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At the Gelert Community Centre last week Neil Cartwright and Harold Harvie had the high euchre scores, Truman McNeil and Emily Harvie the low euchre scores. Bruce O'Brien had the most lone hands. Join them at 7:30 p.m. in Gelert again on Tuesday, March 18 and in Lochlin on March 11. Everyone welcome.

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Results of the bid euchre games played in the Stanhope Firefighters Hall on February 26 were: Norm Lee 275, Elsie Henderson 266, June Branning 265, Edith Burch 264 and Walter Ackerblade 250. The March 5 results, in addition to having 5 moonshots, were: Edith Russell 287, Ken Wallace 284, Marcel Roussel 276, Jean Scadden 273, Gala Stamp 272 and Grace Dixon 245. Join them every Wednesday starting at 7:00 pm - you are most welcome.

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Euchre results from the Minden Legion February 27 gave Marg McAfee and Pat Scadden the most lone hands, Jean Scadden and Bill Menard the high scores, Truman McNeil, Ed Hisson and Gala Stamp the low scores. Meet Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.

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Health News

Cruises are a particular favourite of Canadians, and a new nausea reducing device called "ReliefBand" just may make cruising all that more enjoyable. Worn as a wristband, the non-drug battery operated device is the first portable unit to employ the highly effective TENS technique, which releases low-level electrical impulses that act on the nerve centre on the underside of the wrist. The result is relief of nausea and vomiting caused by motion sickness, chemotherapy, migraine, etc., without the disadvantages of drugs.

Visitors brighten the day as residents pine for spring

Senior League

They tell us the sap is running, crows are back, raccoons out of hibernation and some people have seen ducks. Sun is getting stronger, could it be that Spring is around the corner? We will certainly welcome it with open arms. Winter is a long time here for a lot of us, especially when we aren't as surefooted and spry in body as we used to be.

Life would be far less interesting and enjoyable if it were not for the groups and other individuals who visit us and help to break up our days.

On February 28 we were entertained by the Grandfathers Four during our Happy Hour. What fun music that was!

It was good to see Rob Young again. He was home for a short visit over the March 1 weekend. Enjoyed chatting with him and catching up on the news. Also on March 1, some of us watched Rob Young on "Disability Network" CBC, where he appeared with some other Haliburton County residents in a programme featuring Haliburton County and the pros and cons of living here with disabilities. We enjoyed the programme very much and were pleased that despite the difficulties, it was good to be in this area because of the kindness and support of a small community.

On March 3, the Salvation Army visited us. On March 5, Muriel Harrison enjoyed visiting with old friends associated with the Zion United Church in Carnarvon. A couple of parishioners decided to hold a luncheon and chat for older members of the church who are unable to get out under their own steam anymore. These two parishioners saw to it that transportation was arranged for everyone. Muriel reported that it was a lovely time. A chance to see old friends again and all made possible because of the kindness of Maurice and Margaret Smith.

A happy birthday to Fern Weldon on March 11.

We are missing one of our writing committee members as we write this. Sorry to hear that Lola Prentice is not well. Get well soon Lola, we miss your input. That's it for another week. Keep smiling!

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WORK WANTED: Mature "people person" customer services specialist. Retail experience, inventory management, merchandising, cash handling, auditing, bookkeeping, security, labour relations. Artistic design. Computer: Windows, MS-Works, Internet research. Dependable. FT/PT. Call 286-3991.

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And take notice that the project will be subject to review pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

Written objections based on the effect of the work on marine navigation or the environment should be directed not later than one month from the date of this notice to

Regional Director
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Jacqueline.

IN MEMORIAM

DAVIS, Frank - In loving memory of a dear husband and father who passed away March 10, 1991.
Gone are the days we used to share,
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DAVIS, Frank - In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who passed away March 10, 1991.
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And the ones who think of him today
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There's sad but sweet remembrances
There is a memory fond and true,
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And a heartache still for you.
Time may heal the broken heart
Time may make the wound less sore,
But time can never stop the longing
For the loved one gone before.
Remember him with a smile today,
He wouldn't want the tears,
Reflect instead on memories
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Cut from Canada A/AA/AAA Grades Beef, 1st to 6th Rib
8.80 kg
3.99 lb.

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From the Deli
.44 / 100 g
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